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STEVE LONGENECKER, right, and Ben Feferman each received awards at the Northern Indiana Science and Engineering Fair on March 27.

Longenecker and Feferman honored at Science Fair

Junior Steve Longenecker and senior Ben Feferman each received first-place honors in the Northern Indiana Regional Science and Engineering Fair held recently at Notre Dame.

Steve's *Studies and Factors Affecting the Mutarotation of Alpha-Lactose* won him an award-trip to the International Science and Engineering Fair in Houston, Texas this May,

along with a U.S. Air Force Gold Medallion, U.S. Navy Superior Achievement Award, Regional Science and Engineering Award of a *Handbook of Chemistry and Physics*, and the Dean Norman Gay Award of \$50 from the University of Notre Dame's Engineering Department. Steve was also recently announced a Regional winner in the Space Shuttle Student Involvement Project.

Steve will spend five days at the International Science Fair presenting his project, attending banquets, and touring sights such as the Johnson Space Center.

Steve is attending this fair as one of the top two winners in the Northern Indiana Science Fair.

Ben was a recipient of a U.S. Air Force Pewter Outstanding Project Medallion for his project *Increasing Holographic Resolution Through Spatial Coherence*.

Sophomore Joe Case won a second place award for his project on Jacobson's organ experiment.

Teachers to be kept on basis of seniority

By Richard Silberman

The "battle" for teaching positions rages on. Presently, Riley anticipates losing two teachers in the Industrial Arts Department, two teachers in the Business Department, the Director of Human Resources Mr. Wally Gartee, one counselor from the Guidance Department, and a portion of the nurses time, as we'll have limited nursing services next year, says Principal Phillip Ell.

Exactly who will be displaced from their job is a question of who has the most seniority. No names have yet been released. An elaborate process of determining who has the most seniority corporation-wide is underway, claims Mr. Ell. He expects the teacher question to be settled by the end of April.

The criterion for seniority is number of consecutive years teaching in the South Bend Community School Corporation. In case of a tie, teaching

experience elsewhere is figured in; and if that's not enough, the oldest teacher keeps his job, says Mr. Ell.

A teacher in one school could be "bumped" out of his/her position or out of a job by one with higher seniority in another school. Thus, a great shuffling of teachers may result.

The point will ultimately be reached, says Mr. Ell, where all jobs in the SBCSC will be held by those with the most seniority; and those teachers displaced will either be unemployed or serve as corporation substitutes.

The teaching cuts are primarily due to declining enrollment and the corporation's desire to increase class sizes. In the continuing effort to save money, Riley has lost its assistant varsity basketball coach, says Mr. Ell. Reducing energy consumption by turning the heat off each weekend and weeknight is another measure to save money.

Project Business prepares freshmen for the future

By Scott Dunham

South Bend's AM General auto plant stretches over an area between Chippewa and Eckman on the city's southwest side. A busload of Riley ninth graders visited the plant on March 26 as a part of a program called Project Business.

The factory, which had been idled before AM General won a government contract to manufacture 5000 U.S. Postal Service Jeeps, provided a unique "classroom" for the students. A tour of the plant demonstrated what the typical assembly line consists of. From welders to inspectors, the students were able to observe an auto-making plant in action.

The students were amazed to learn that spray painters started work at a salary of \$9 an hour and they gaped at the parking lot filled with postal Jeeps. After seeing the factory which is used solely for producing the Jeeps, the students were taken to the other plant which manufactures five and two-and-one-half ton army trucks.

Project Business, a part of the Junior Achievement organization, was responsible for getting these and other students to see part of the "real" business world. At Riley, Mr. John Panos' and Mrs. Rosemary Bradford's ninth grade social studies classes are participating in Project Business. Mr. Panos is impressed with the program. "It (Project Business) offers students the opportunity to see exactly what the business world is like," he says. Once a week, a representative of a local

company visits the ninth grade social studies classes. Approximately 100 local companies send employees to the 83 participating classes to teach students about business. Topics discussed can range from making stock investments to balancing check books.

Mr. Panos sees a wealth of value in taking a company tour. "The students could see each individual job," he explains. "They were surprised by the high salaries but they also realized that the jobs involved a lot of repetition. That's what students should see!"

Around 2,000 students in the South Bend area participated in Project Business this year, according to Project Business Director Mr. Ronald Thompson. In South Bend, the program has been operating for four years. It was designed to reach more students than were being reached by the Junior Achievement evening program; this year, Project Business' enrollment surpassed that of the evening program enrollment by 300 students.

Project Business, originally paid for by a grant from the Kellogg Corporation, is now supported by the private businesses involved with the program.

"Students see the real business world through actual business people," Mr. Thompson sums up. "They see the factories, all the different careers, and not only people in management but also the people on the assembly line."

Kirwan and Kuntz win speech honors

Sally Kirwan and Brett Kuntz captured individual honors for the Riley Speech Team last week. Sally placed fourth in the 13th District Finals of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) "Voice of Democracy" Speech Contest. After placing first in the Riley chapter of the contest, Sally was rewarded with 100 dollars for her efforts in the District finals.

Kuntz took fifth place at the I.H.S.F.A. State Speech Finals in Radio Broadcasting, out of approximately 400 students who began at the sectional level. Kuntz, who represented Riley and the entire city of South Bend, placed first in the newscasting round, and second in the commercial reading round, of the four rounds he participated in.



The Veterans of Foreign Wars [VFW] Speech Award is presented to junior Sally Kirwan



Senior Brett Kuntz warms up during Speech Class for state speech finals.

EDITORIAL

Human Resources must be saved

The South Bend Tribune headline over the school budget cuts story read "School cuts made, but knife not so sharp." For the 108 staff members who were cut, the knife was all too sharp. Inconspicuously hidden in the staff members cut were "five human relations specialists." One of these human relations specialists is Riley's Mr. Wallace Garte. The loss of Mr. Garte and the office of Human Resources is invariably going to have a detrimental effect on the students and the student activities at Riley.

Since 1975, the year of the Jackson-Riley merger, Mr. Garte has been the Human Resources Coordinator. The Human Resources Department was instituted in 1975 because of the fear of unrest with racial problems that were heated up in the merger. Mr. Garte felt confident that he could handle the job since he had coached at both Riley and Jackson and had had contact with students from both schools. His first year was a busy one. "The program really worked into something good!" Mr. Garte says.

Over the last few years, racial tensions have eased and the controversy over the merger has disappeared. But the need for a Human Resource Department has not ceased. Many events including spirit breakfasts, student council, Powder Puff football, and the Hanukkah and Christmas card exchange are organized through the Human Resource Department. With the loss of this position, "many of these things will fall by the wayside."

The Human Resource Department and Mr. Garte are responsible for making Riley the only high school to hold commencement at Century Center. Other projects that Mr. Garte has organized include Black History Week, Older Adults Day, the Homecoming Queen festivities, Spirit Week activities, and the anti-smoking campaign which reaches approximately 2500 fifth graders each year. These are only a few of the many projects that have come about as a result of the Human Resources Department. Many of these activities will be diminished or lost entirely because of the loss of the human relations specialist position. With additional staff reductions, it will be difficult for anyone to do the job that Mr. Garte has done for the last seven years.

Principal Phil Eli realizes the serious impact that the loss of the Human Resources Department will have on Riley. "We will simply revert to the situation we had before the Human Resource position was started," Mr. Eli explains. The duties of the Human Resources coordinator will have to be divided up among other staff members. The job obviously would be done better by just one person." Mr. Eli did admit that the school board still could change its mind on the decision to cut the Human Resource position but said it isn't likely.

In a letter to Superintendent James Scamman, Grace E. Shown, the coordinator of the St. Joseph County Nutrition Program, wrote, "He has such enthusiasm, understanding, and concern for the students and older adults. Whenever I've been in his office to work on this program (Older Adults Day), students stop in to see Wally, ask him questions, and volunteer to work on the program. This same enthusiasm, understanding, and concern touches the students. I sincerely hope Wallace Garte may stay on as the Human Resources Coordinator at Riley High School. He is so very helpful to the students—a friend and advisor that they all need."

Mr. Garte has lost his job as Human Resource Coordinator but his 27 years of teaching have guaranteed him a position in the SBCSC next year. This is where the school reassignment procedure becomes ridiculous. Mr. Garte received a major in physical education because Indiana law dictated that coaches had to have a physical education major. The last time Mr. Garte taught physical education was in 1956. But his assignment next year is girls' PE because the current girls' teacher, Mrs. Rebecca Stafford, has the least seniority of any teacher at Riley currently teaching a subject that Mr. Garte is qualified to instruct. "It would be easier for me to be a regular teacher," says Mr. Garte, "but it would not be better for the Riley students." Salary is not a factor in the change either, because the pay is the same for both jobs.

"Students and teachers don't realize all the different things that go on in the Human Resources office," Mr. Garte explains. "I serve as a crowd controller and an enforcer of rules." If a student gets into trouble, the first place they call is my office." Mr. Garte estimates that between 30 to 50 students use his office each day whether it is to discuss a problem or to work on a project. Along with his regular duties, Mr. Garte is currently filling in as sports coordinator while Mr. Paul Frazier is in the hospital. Since he is the head of the SBCSC driver education program he is also trying to convince the school board that that program is worth saving.

In the SBCSC Department of Human Resources pamphlet, the job description states, "Schools which are staffed with this position should view the role as vital in the educational process." Did this position suddenly become non-essential or did the school board just make a hasty decision in its scramble to keep the corporation out of the red? We feel that the latter is closer to what the board had in mind when they made the cut. If the school board would take more time to investigate the true role of the Human Resource Department in education, it might not be so quick to cut the program. We sincerely hope that the board will realize its error and reinstitute the Office of Human Resources.

Carnival: another winning play by Riley Thespians

By Rick Nagy

A carnival usually brings with it laughter and good times. "Carnival," the Riley Thespians' spring musical, is no exception. Directed by John H.B. Kauss and choreographed by Nancy Stroop, the production last week-end at Century Center proved to be, as the fliers said, "one of the truly great musicals."

The story finds a young girl, Lili Daurier, getting a job in a carnival and falling in love with a smooth-talking, two-timing magician, Marco the Magnificent, portrayed by Thespian veteran Mark McCullough. His assistant/lover is the incomparable Rosalie (one of the double cast parts, played by Emily Merriman and Lisa Schurr). Lili is fired when she bungles the act, but is re-hired by puppeteer Paul Berthalet and his partner Jacquot (Rick Gary and Phil Hohulin).

Mr. Berthalet is in love with Lili, but is incapable of showing his emotions without his puppets. Lili (portrayed in the other double role by Jackie Hildebrand and Sally Nelson) agrees to go with Marco to play at hotels, but changes her mind when she realizes that the carnival life is not meant for her and finds out Berthalet's real feelings.

Every member of the cast gives a fine performance. Rick Gary turned in his finest performance in his portrayal of Paul Berthalet.

I was especially delighted by the vitality and depth of the two

relative newcomers to the Riley Thespians, Jackie Hildebrand (Lili) and Emily Merriman (Rosalie). Their counterparts in these roles, Thespian veterans Sally Nelson and Lisa Schurr were also outstanding. Mark McCullough plays Marco the Magnificent to near-perfection.

Comic stand-outs are Gary Kresca, the ill-tempered carnival owner B.F. Schlegel, a green walrus named Henry and Brian Proffitt, who plays the wimpish Dr. Glauss, fiancée of Rosalie and a rich veterinarian.

The chorus is the finishing touch of the cast, with lively singing and dancing routines expertly choreographed by Nancy Stroop. Jugglers, a unicyclist, roustabouts, a snake charmer, an aerialist and siamese twins add a realistic carnival setting.

Their colorful costumes were in large part created by English teacher Mrs. Faye Nelson.

But what would a Riley Thespian production be without the direction of John H.B. Kauss? Every facet of the play stood up well to his high standards. Mr. Kauss can again be proud of another excellent production.

The acting, costumes, singing, sets, lighting (superbly done by Jim Beck, Doug Coney, and Eddie Tribble), choreography and directing all added up to a highly enjoyable play that should certainly do very well, if not win, in the state Thespian competition later this month.

Braces: are they worth the money?

By Denise Jozwick

Have you ever wanted to go on a diet but just couldn't do it? Well, if all else fails try getting braces. It's a sure way to stop you from eating. Every 4 to 6 weeks you get your braces tightened, which means for about 3 days it's almost impossible to chew. Then, there's wearing rubber bands. When you finally figure out how to get them to stay in your mouth you realize it's lunch time and you have to take them out again. Of course you can always try to master the art of eating with your rubber bands on. But it can be very embarrassing to have it shoot out of your mouth and hit someone across the table.

When you get braces you also tend to acquire nicknames such as "railroad tracks," "metal mouth," or something equally offensive. On occasion someone may tell you to stop smiling because you're blinding him. This could be disheartening coming from the guy you have a



crush on, but the best way to handle these comments is to laugh them off.

There are some good points about wearing braces. You never have to worry about dieting. You can always shoot the rubber bands at your worst enemy and say it was an accident. They also come in handy when you want to get back at your little brother or sister for tattling on you. Just tell your parents that the rubber bands slipped while you were putting them on.

Just remember, metal mouths, someday you will get your braces off and never have to worry about wires and rubber bands. Of course then you may have to start dieting!

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Who cares about El Salvador? Well, I'm sure the Salvadorians do; the Soviets do; and I hope the Americans do. Who cares if thousands die? Let's start another Vietnam, and maybe if we're lucky, we could start another world war. Then you

could have your second wish and Reagan could reinstate the draft. Don't worry, Sean, you could always run away to Australia if the draft starts again (at least we have a few proud Americans to protect our freedom). Also, being a civilian doesn't assure your safety (let

the other people protect your freedom). By the way, Sean, if you haven't heard yet, there isn't a war going on, so what's going to kill you? Boot camp? Let's remember though, there might be a war (but who really cares). We're all Americans (I think) and we should care. GEE

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Filer to tour Japan

Riley tennis star Ed Filer was selected as a member of an eight-man tennis team to represent the United States in the Kennex International Tournament.

The team will participate in tournaments in Switzerland and Taiwan on an individual competition basis. In Japan, Ed and his teammates will play a regular "high school team" match in Tokyo. The tour lasts from April 16 to May 3.

Ed started playing tennis five and a half years ago under the influence of older brother (and Riley alumnus) Dave. Last year Ed was tentatively ranked as 42nd in the nation and seventh in the western half of the United States.

Ed hopes to earn a tennis scholarship from the University of South Carolina, Vanderbilt, or Brown University. After college, he wants to be a "pro" in the professional tennis circuit.

What is this spring business?

By Neal Weber

With the weather getting warmer, and the sound of "burn outs" filling the parking lot once again, and that little voice telling you to "go ahead and skip next hour to play in the sun," we all know that spring is here and summer can't be far behind. What is this spring business anyway?

Spring is laboring through two weeks of 60-degree weather while you're in school, only to have the temperature drop 30 degrees when spring vacation finally rolls around.

Spring is realizing that April 15th is nearing, so you tell yourself that because you work only two days a week, you don't have to pay taxes.

Spring is noticing your teacher's subtle hints that finals are just around the corner, and you haven't passed your first test yet.

Spring is even though it's only 40 degrees outside, you still drive with the windows open and your arm hanging out.

Spring is calling in sick to work for the 5th weekend in a row because the weather is just too nice to be couped in inside.

Spring is finally getting a weekend off from work only to have it rain steadily from Friday afternoon to Sunday night.

Spring is noting how bad you look in shorts after a winter of lying around eating, between football quarters.

Spring is going insane from the number of awards shows on television.

Spring is noticing the scores on television shifting from 112 to 109 to 3 to 5.

Spring is finding your long lost algebra book in your back

yard after the snow that was covering it finally melts away.

Spring is noticing that your house is the only one on the block that still has the Christmas lights up.

Spring is the time of year that we can all count on the new attendance policies sprouting up, like the death penalty for truancies.

Spring is realizing that the only exercise you've had all winter was to get up and change the channel.

Spring is just when you are getting used to the idea of your dad yelling at you to shovel the drive, he now yells at you to cut the grass.

Carolyn's hearing loss doesn't handicap her

By Susan Shaw

Can you imagine being deaf, even for one day? Junior Carolyn White doesn't imagine it because she's been deaf since birth. Yet Carolyn is still able to participate in many Riley classes and activities.



Carolyn competes in volleyball and track and takes four full courses at Riley. "I love sports," she claims. "When I was at Marian, I had two years on the swim team and two years on the track team." Carolyn plans on participating in the discus and middle distance events in track this year.

For her first year at Riley, Carolyn is taking English, U.S. History, Algebra/Trigonometry, and Spanish. She doesn't have special teachers. Communication isn't much of a problem for Carolyn because she can read lips ("a little, but not much") and sign language.

When she was 14 months old, her mother sent Carolyn to the Hearing and Speech Center for school. Starting at age three she went to special ed classes at O'Brien School where she continued through sixth grade. She was enrolled at St. Matthew's for her junior high education and at Marian High School for her freshman and sophomore classes.

After graduating from Riley, Carolyn wants to go to Gallaudet College for the Deaf with a major in liberal arts.

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Sports

Spring sports seasons get underway

Tennis

Opening their season on April 20 the girls' tennis team, coached by Mr. Edward Falhaber, Riley math teacher, will be trying for their 4th consecutive victory against Mishawaka.

Mr. Falhaber was the Riley girls' basketball assistant coach this year and previously coached boys' tennis at North Liberty for 5 years.

Returning for Riley are senior co-captains Haley McCaffery and Mary Claire Morse, seniors Vikki Georgi, Liz Lawson, and Karen DeWolf; junior Lori Melkey; and sophomores Ellyn Simon, Mary Zimmer, and Lori Hines.

Newcomers are junior Donna Swoverland; sophomore Shelley Branchick; and freshmen Teri DeVorkin, Leann Sisenko, Elaine Lawson, and Lori Camp.

Girls Track

By Phil Parelus

First year head coach Cathi Chandler's girls' track squad have their eyes on improving last year's 3-6 record.

Although this is Chandler's first year as head coach, she is familiar to the team as she was an assistant coach last year. Ms. Chandler is also a substitute teacher.

Last year's sectional champion high jumper, Angie Boykins will be a threat to any opposing team. Boykins will also be a major contributor in the 400 and the 1600 relay. Riley

is the defending city champion in the 1600 relay which returns three-fourths of last year's group. Returning are juniors Theresa Walker, Sue Isbell and Boykins.

The team acquires two excellent sprinters in freshmen Mary Williams and Nancy Scales. Scales is expected to be strong in the hurdles also.

Juniors Vikki Carr and Isbell will provide power in middle-distance events. Shot putter Varena Townsend may be one of the best in the area.

Riley's distance personnel, consisting of junior Sally Kirwan and sophomore Cheryl Walker, are both top-notch quality runners.

Next week the girls will face tough competition from Washington (Tuesday) and Clay (Thursday). Over-all the season's prospects look good for the Cats.

Baseball

By Charlie Pankow

Last year's disappointing 8-13 record left many question marks about the Riley baseball team's chances of being a serious contender this year for the NIC crown but despite the loss of an outstanding trio of hitters in '81 graduates Lindy Seitz, Steve Miller, and John Nadolny, Head Coach Mr. Ralph Pieniazkiewicz is "looking forward to a good season."

Coach Pieniazkiewicz hopes to erase fans' doubts as he maintains, "We should be tough defensively and have good team leadership in the company of our seniors."

One of those seniors, Dennis Barker, should supply a powerful bat and strong pitching arm, while another, Steve Reygaert, should be a ditto.

Steve Reygaert, should be a ditto. Players rounding out the pitching staff include Frank Steiger, Scott Kovach, and Chris Jordan.

The infield shapes up with Pat Flanagan at first base, John O'Brien at shortstop, Kevin Sanders at third, while Frank Steiger and Kenny Humphrey will split the chores at second. Catching duties are divided between Mike Jackowiak and Mike Rucker, and the outfielders include Scott Lehmann, John Stout, plus Rich Beaudreault.

Softball

In years past Riley's softball has been one of the teams to beat in the Northern Indiana Conference (NIC). This year looks to be no exception as the Wildcats return experienced players in both infield and outfield positions.

In her first at Riley, head coach Kelly Adelsperger inherits not only experienced players but also a promising crop of sophomores and freshmen.

On the mound the Cats will be led by the strong throwing arm of senior Diana Bauer. Bauer will be backed up by juniors Kelly Woods and Tracy Marietta and sophomore Kim Hively.

Senior Lisa Engdahl holds the

shortstop position, while returning junior Cindy Milbourn will play at third. Catching will be junior Lori Bonk while freshman Leslie Henry looks to the top pick for first base. In the outfield Senior Debby Medich holds the fort while Senior Rhonda Bogunia and Sophomore Lisa Bonk are prime candidates to join her.

The Cats will host Washington on Tuesday, April 13 and Clay on April 15. On Tuesday, April 20, they will host St. Joe and will travel to LaSalle on Thursday of that same week. Home games are played at O'Brien School at 4:15 p.m.

Boys Track

By Brendan Powers

On March 31, Riley's track team finished third in the annual 24-team South Bend Classic held at the ACC. In it Riley senior co-captain Alan Lusk captured the 2-mile, bettering his record with a time of 9:35:04.

After finishing his rookie coaching season with a Sectional championship in 1981, Coach Szczechowski returns this year with his work cut out for him. Just seven lettermen return to the roster, making it no easy task to improve on last year's 8-2 record; but Mr. Szczechowski (Ski) remains optimistic.

"Sure we have a lot of inexperience but in that inexperience there is a great deal of potential," Coach Ski commented. "I think as the season progresses the team will mold into a very good unit."



AL LUSK sets the pace in the two-mile run. Photo by Ben Feferman.

The seven returning lettermen include seniors Lusk, Jim Adams, Phil Parelus, Mark Fairbanks, Anthony Grundy and junior Jimmy Scales.

Senior co-captains Lusk and Gary Tschida will lead the cindermen in what Coach Ski refers to as a very balanced conference. "I can't think of any team that isn't going to be tough," Coach Ski stated, "but we have the talent to do well." Coach Ski went on to say that LaSalle and Washington look to be the league's toughest opponents. "Our strong spots would have to be our distance events; we're strong in the pole vault also," Coach Ski said. On Tuesday of next week (April 13) Riley will host Adams and on Thursday the Washington Panthers.

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